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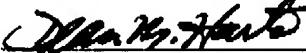
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This response is to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2002. Claims 1-37 have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-16 are said to be drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 118, subclass 308;
- II. Claims 17-30 are said to be drawn to a method, classified in class 427, subclass 180; and
- III. Claims 31-37 are said to be drawn to an article, classified in class 428, subclass 206.

Applicants hereby elect Group III (i.e., claims 31-37).

Respectfully submitted,

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